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UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION NO: 09/890,604
APPLICANT: ELLIS, David Dunham, et al.
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TITLE: MODIFICATION OF LIGNIN COMPOSITION OF
GYMNOSPERMS

TECH CENTER/ART UNIT: 1638
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AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.